

**High level Ministerial Dialogue  
on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action**  
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Honorable Ministers, Mr. President, Co-chairs, ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honor of speaking on behalf of the AILAC countries. Allow me, in first place, to express AILAC's appreciation for the co-chairs's guidance in our work under the Ad-Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. We fully trust the co-chairs' efforts to help us all in this party-driven process to achieve our common objectives; a new climate regime, that includes the 2015 legally binding agreement, that will have us on track to a low carbon and climate resilient development path, in accordance with the 2°C objective or preferably a 1,5°C goal. To achieve such objective in Paris, COP 20 in Lima is absolutely crucial and this should guide our work here in Bonn over the next days.

As previously stated by our group, AILAC considers that it is time to engage in substantive discussions under the ADP, such as the legal form of the agreement, which for AILAC should be a legally binding one, scope and nature of the intended Nationally Determined Contributions, as well as differentiation issues to be included in the agreement. In that sense, we would like to stress that both the landscape and the draft text that were circulated by the Co-chairs yesterday are remarkable efforts to lead the process of crafting the new agreement, and in particular, to adopt a decision in Lima on the relevant up-front information that should accompany the iNDCs of the new agreement, as mandated by decision 1.CP/19. This decision will definitely contribute to achieve ambitious, comparable and measurable iNDCs to fulfill the ultimate objective of the Convention.

Allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate that in AILAC's view, iNDCs should be comprehensive in terms of mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation, and reflect each country's national context, capabilities, responsibility and challenges.

Mr. President,

In relation to the elements of the agreement, AILAC considers that the 2015 agreement represents the opportunity to enhance action in adaptation and fill the gap the international climate regime has in this regard. Contrary to what it is commonly stated, adaptation is not only a local issue. Even if implementation takes place largely at the local level, it has local, regional and global co-benefits that must be taken into account in the new agreement. We reiterate that adaptation, as mitigation, is a matter of collective responsibility and should be treated as such under our Convention.

This is the reason why AILAC has included adaptation in the iNDCs scope, in order to support a more global perspective on adaptation, and allow Parties to join efforts to contribute to a more resilient world taking into account Parties' priorities and respective

capabilities. This will also allow to increase the global flow of resources and investments in adaptation, and to encourage the establishment of ambitious long-term national policies on adaptation.

For AILAC, it is crucial to initiate a process to understand the effectiveness of adaptation and the assessment of progress on adaptation must go beyond local effects and ensure global benefits. The development of metrics is fundamental for enhancing action on adaptation, and this is why we consider that it is important to give a mandate to the technical and subsidiary bodies of the Convention to support parties identifying them.

In addition, AILAC would like to stress that the definition of the intended nationally determined contributions and its implementation will require substantial provision of means of implementation. Support should be given to countries that need it most and also for those who are willing to go beyond their capacity.

Mr. President,

We would like to recall the important role of science as a guiding principle for the ADP process. The recent IPCC reports stress the urgency of increasing ambition both in mitigation and adaptation. According to recent findings, we need a low carbon and possibly a carbon neutral economy by mid-century to stay in the 2°C goal. We encourage Parties to give science the central role it should have in the negotiation of the new agreement.

We would like to stress the need to identify the elements that will allow us to gather momentum under workstream 2, going from the initial technical phase, towards a political one where we can have a significant impact on enhancing pre-2020 mitigation actions.

We have not set an easy task or timeline for our work under the ADP, however we stand ready to engage with all parties in substantive discussions during this session, keeping in mind that we have set for ourselves the mandate of defining by Lima the information that will accompany the iNDCs, and a draft text of the new climate agreement.

This session is fundamental for us to achieve these objectives, and we fully trust our negotiating partners to move forward together in this session under the able guidance of the ADP co-chairs.

Thank you,